

BOMBS GUARD MRS. WHITNEY'S GRAVE

Torpedoes Under Banks of
Flowers Defend Her
Coffin.

MANY RUMORS OF GHOULS

Under the wealth of hothouse flowers that clothe Mrs. William C. Whitney's grave, on a hilltop overlooking the Little Neck meadows, the freshly turned earth is sown with powerful torpedoes. The coffin is hemmed about with them, and the ghoul who undertook to strike his spade beneath the surface would invite swift destruction.

Mr. Whitney to guard the resting place of his dead. Night and day two men are posted there to watch the grave. One is a detective and the other a patrolman. They are detailed there from the Flushing police station, and have no other duty. The villagers of Isondouten take a

There is no secret about the torpedoes. All the village talks of them. Lawyer R. Griffiths, the secretary of the vestry of St. Andrew's church, is a frequent caller on an inquisitive visitor. They were not planted there by the gravel digger, but by strangers sent there to finish his work for him—men who could not be traced. But the posting of police guards was an after-thought, and it may have been the result of a warning.

One story that seems to be purely gossip is that the body is decked in valuable jewels, and that word has been received of a conspiracy to desecrate the grave and to remove the body. In an impression that apprehension exists of an attempt to steal

Still a third version, to which Detective Fullerton, who commands the guard, gives credence, is that the extraordinary nature

of the injury which Mrs. Whitney sustained so long, but which eventually caused her death. The case is especially desirable subject for the amateur's table, and that a band of those who are accustomed to run great risks for the profits to be earned in this ghastly trade, should be made to feel the consequences.

However that may be, the Rev. C. Blanchard, rector of Zion Church, and Vestryman Griffiths sent for the police on the day following the funeral, and the bodies were removed and were buried. The cemetery is in a lonely place and the robbery of a grave there would

be a simple matter if no precautions were taken. Mrs. Whitney's coffin was not laid in a vault, but in the ground alongside the grave of Captain Randolph, her first husband.

"A couple of men with spades could reach the grave in twenty minutes, if there were no torpedoes and no guard," said Detective Fullerton last night, as he looked around at the shadows that were gathering among the white tombstones.

Mr. Whitney intends to buy a large plot in the little churchyard. Whether it will include the grave of Mrs. Whitney and Captain Randolph, or whether Mrs. Whitney's body will be transferred eventually to a new vault in another part of the cemetery is not known.

Captain Randolph died in the home of William P. Douglas from whom the name of the street is derived.

In advance of the latter's funeral a New York florist clothed the fence, which was in rather bad repair, with palms, laurels and cut flowers, making it a palisade.

foliage and blossoms. After the grave had been filled, torpedoes and all, it was covered with a blanket woven of orchids, lilies of the valley and white lilac.

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